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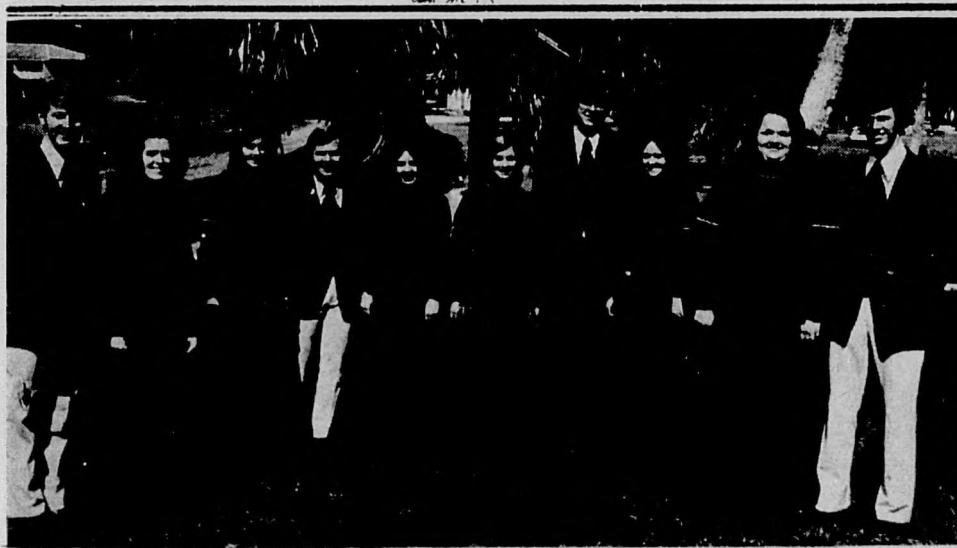


## Opp Trade School Taking New Students

MacArthur State Technical Institute will be closed for spring holidays on Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16. The spring term will begin on Monday March 19 and registration will continue throughout the week.

The school now has seventeen departments in operation. Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Barbering, Business Data Processing, Business Education, Cosmetology, Diesel and Heavy Equipment, Mechanics, Drafting and Design Technology, Electronics Technology, Industrial Electricity, Practical Nursing, Radio and Television Repair, Textile Technology, Travel Trades, Upholstery and Welding.

The school office is open: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Friday for applications from prospective students.



## Revival Services Planned By Assembly

Beginning Monday Night - Youth Choir from Enterprise First Assembly of God. Speaker - Rev. James McLafee, Troy.

Tuesday Night - "The Happy Generation" South Eastern Bible College Lakeland more time. A ten voice ensemble, under the direction of Mr. David Thomas. The program will consist of hymn arrangements, spirituals and folk tunes.

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## Ben Ringsdorf Day Planned For March 24th

The BEN RINGSDORF DAY Committee, headed by Sonny Roman, is formalizing plans for a special reception in honor of Ben's returning POW. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 5 until 7 p.m. It will be held in the Elba Elementary School cafeteria. Mrs. Sam Sawyer, responsible for setting up the receiving line, has announced that Mrs. George C. Wallace (Cornelia to Ben's folks) will be on hand. Also she has issued invitations to Mayor Jack Brunson, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ringsdorf will join the official greeters also.

Lamar Rainer Jr. is arranging for the decorations in his usual efficient manner and Mrs. Robert Cannon promises some tasty refreshments from her refreshment committee.

Jimmy Wise is chairman of the committee collecting the donations for a gift of appreciation to be given to Captain Ringsdorf just prior to the beginning of the reception. Current plans indicate a new automobile will be presented to him at this time.

Wise was strong in his statement that contributions are not being solicited but are simply being accepted from these citizens in the Wiregrass who wish to have a part in the gift. He gave as an example of this desire various gifts in Enterprise Monday afternoon totaling over \$250 from people who called and said "I want to be a part also."

Wise also explained that "we will present Ben with a list of all who contributed but we won't mention the sum of the contributions because we want the school student giving a dime to feel as much a part of the gift as the businessman who might give \$100."

Contributions may be sent to Ben Ringsdorf Fund, c/o Jimmy Wise, P.O. Box 469 or deposited either Elba bank to the account set up for that purpose.

## Captain Ben Settles Into Normal Routine

Captain Ringsdorf has visited around town, played golf with friends, talked a little football, and "old times" with the people of Elba. Sunday night he attended a Family Night Supper in his honor at the Elba Methodist Church and earlier this week he returned to Maxwell AFB for an overnight stay to clear up some of his many "little details". He will be in Elba and visiting other areas for the next two months before he returns to active military duty and refresher training in jet aircraft.

## ALL MUST PAY

## Mayor Explains Garbage Fee

Elba's new garbage ordinance according to Mayor Jack Brunson, is designed so that every household and place of business will "carry their fair share of the load" in helping to pay for the garbage and trash services provided by the City. Brunson stated the old garbage and trash fee charged in the past was inequitable when you consider it cost \$20-\$25 per year to provide service for some residences and \$100 or more per year for other residences. Mayor Brunson also released the following statement on the new garbage ordinance.

1. Every household and place of business will be charged a garbage fee. (Due to the required closing of the local garbage dump, residents have no place to dispose of their garbage. To prevent health hazard there was no alternative other than making the service compulsory. In addition, it's impossible to determine whether garbage and trash belongs to a paying customer or a neighbor.)

2. An extra charge for labor and equipment will be made for amounts of garbage or trash in excess of 2 cubic feet per routine pickup. (The actual cost of pick up garbage and/or trash from some places is in excess of \$100 per month. To remove limbs from a residence will sometimes cost \$50 to \$75.)

3. The new basic garbage and trash fee is \$2.00 per month for households and \$5.00 for places of business. (Last year the garbage fee collected amounted to \$27,000 while expenses were \$42,000 which does not include the purchase of new equipment such as the new hauler of garbage to New Brockton means additional expenses and more time.)

4. Garbage and trash must be placed within 20 feet of the street right of way in an accessible location. (Some garbage cans are 300 - 400 feet

from the street, in fences with doors, contain 75 - 100 pounds of garbage etc. This is rough on the men and causes labor turn over and takes an excessive amount of time.)

5. Garbage containers, except commercial containers designed for mechanical dumping are not to be larger than 30 gallon capacity, with lids and must be water tight, including a sound bottom.

The new garbage fees will be charged on utility bills due April 1, 1973. Every household and place of business will be charged this fee.

Although the ordinance was effective March 1, 1973, strict enforcement will not begin until April. Garbage cans which are not properly located, after April 1, will not be emptied. (Containers do not have to be kept near the right of way all the time but must be in the proper location when the garbage pickup is made.) Containers which do not meet the requirements of the ordinance will be tagged and will not be emptied unless replaced.

Due to anti-pollution laws no garbage is allowed at the local dump. Trash, limbs, etc. will still be accepted, however, the contents of each vehicle must be checked by the custodian. Violators are subject to fines.

## Auchmuty To Preach In Geneva

Rev. Jim Auchmuty, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elba and Calvary Baptist Church of Abbeville, will lead the spring Revival services at the First Baptist Church of Geneva. The hauling of garbage to New Brockton means additional expenses and more time.

The Spring Revival services at the First Baptist Church of Geneva will begin on Sunday March 25 and continue through Friday March 30, with services on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and during the week at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

to be fined. The dump will be open for controlled dumping of trash until 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday (except from 11:30 to 12:30) except on City holidays.

Although this new ordinance will inconvenience some people, it is the belief of the Mayor and Council that these changes were necessary and will be beneficial to the community and its citizens. For this reason, the Mayor and Council request the cooperation of all citizens in complying with the new garbage ordinance.

"Always send a Get Well Card to a Texan looking for oil." (Anonymous)



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Words uttered from the former POW went something like this as he rose to the speaker:

"The people I was locked up with accused me of being a member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and I guess this proves it." As he waved the Mayor's resolution in his hand, "There was never a doubt shared the grief of his parents. Dr. and Mrs. Ringsdorf, all praying daily, and now seeing an answer to their prayer, strengthening their faith. It further extended gratitude to Captain Ringsdorf for his service and welcomed him home. With this, the mayor gave Ben the key to the city of Elba.

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## Donald Weeks Receives Award

U. S. Air Force First Lieutenant Donald Weeks, son of Mrs. Ruby Weeks of Rt. 2, Kinston, Ala., has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Southeast Asia.

Lieutenant Weeks earned the medal as a KC-135 copilot on a mission during which he and his crew provided emergency aerial refueling for two A-7 aircraft supporting a massive search and rescue operation. His professional skill aided in the safe recovery of the aircraft and aircrew.

He was honored in ceremonies at Robins AFB, Ga., where he now serves with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, America's nuclear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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Lieutenant Weeks' wife, Wanda, is the daughter of Mrs. Lorene Chesnut of Samson.

## Elba Concert Band

### Goes To Andalusia

On Saturday, February 24, our concert band went to a District Concert in Andalusia. The concert band is made up of about 63 members of the regular marching band. The District concert was held on three selections. The scores are yes or no.

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Dennis Johnson, right, of Elba, and Gene Guehl of DeFiance, Ohio, fought their last bass Wednesday morning, March 7.

## Spring Is — Springing On Me

Yes, the peach trees are blooming - and the pear trees, the myriad limbs of the plum are covered with frothy white. Rainbows leap from the ground as multi-colored bacchus greet the passing eye.

The yellow-tufted limbs of the Forsythia reach out as if to welcome all to this new landscape scene that is coming on. Fringe Redbuds spot the yards and forest with their brightness.

The Japanese Magnolias give off a quiet, solemn beauty. The Sunday spoke loud and clear, and called even greater attention to their magnificence by the drooping of a bloom to the floor during the services.

This Springtime activity has crept upon me unawares during these past warm days. I think because of the recent snow. For, like the groundhog at times, the snow caused me to think we would have winter on and on.

The buds on the oaks around my house were swelling unnoticed - usually I keep an eagle's eye toward those bare limbs, mentally urging them to come to life, feather their limbs with way green to later spread my yard with leafy shade in the "Good Old Summer-time."

Each Spring I hide myself for not having buried seeds of bulbs in my flower beds at the proper time. I am not the proud owner of a green thumb and most plants that grow for me do it accidentally. I think. But I did not put down a few bulbs and shrubs, and I'm so excited about them that I'll interrupt a trip after the kick ball while playing with my children, just to peek at them.

But who am I to attempt to

describe Spring? Only the Creator can get the message across - and only the soul can understand.

But, next Fall and Winter, when it's cold and rainy and dreary, I'll leave the cozy warmth of my house and work in my flower beds, preparing them for their Spring birth-giving. I really will... next year.

Mr. Maddox was pleased with our performance and so were we. Even though it was over with before we knew it, it was good experience because very few of us had ever been to a contest like that before.

Our selection were "Brightest Beach" a concert march, "Lo-cats for Band" by Frank Erickson and "Festive" by Nelly.

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To decide how much life insurance you need, consider how much money your family would need to live if the breadwinner should die or become disabled.

Following the death of the breadwinner, your family may need almost \$10,000 to defray clean-up expenses, burial costs, installment debts, estate taxes, and hospital expenses.

Miss Bryan says it may be two to three years after a death before the family has a steady income. So, there should be provisions in the life insurance policy to cover this period. Your policy may need a mortgage fund to pay the balance of your mortgage or an educational fund to pay for your children's education.

Generally, after the death of the breadwinner, a family needs one-half of its former income if there are growing children. The wife will need one-fourth of the earnings plus any dividends and interest if there are no children.

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## Helms Receives Commendation Medal

Master Sergeant Billy E. Helms, son of E. B. Helms, H. 1, New Brockton, has received the Air Force Commendation Medal at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Sergeant Helms was decorated for meritorious service as chief of the civil engineering section of the 66th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Bolo Naval Installation, Iceland.

He is now at Tyndall where he serves as a structural superintendent with the Air Force Civil Engineering Center, a unit of the Air Force Systems Command, AFSC manages research and development of Air Force aerospace systems.

The sergeant has completed a tour of combat duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He is a 1951 graduate of the Birmingham High School. His wife is the former Doris Pask.

Drewery pointed out that folks who plan to burn should contact the fire department, police department or one of the towers before burning. The approximate time the fire will be started and the place it will be started.

Fortunately, we had a wet winter, and we would certainly recommend that peach trees be sprayed. In fact, it is practically impossible to grow peaches without a good spray program. We have these books in our office. We will be glad to mail you a copy if you will let us know.

Gene Childers of the Coffee County Farmers Co-Op recommended that peach growers are making a mistake. For example, on many insecticides prior approval must be obtained before they can be bought. Too many people wait until they need the material before applying for a permit to buy it.

Permits can be obtained at the county Extension office in any of the counties in the Wiregrass. If I were farming, I would certainly go ahead and contact the county agent's office and make application for a permit to buy and use restricted use pesticides.

Miss Susan Hughes who is now living on East Watts in Enterprise, visited our office a few days ago. Miss Hughes was one of the first home demonstration agents in Alabama. Sylvia Hudson, Melanie Robertson, Cheryl Mitchell and Brenda Foreman.

There is a nation wide project to clean up the outdoors. They still go on field trips to museums, but they also go to housing projects and poverty areas. The Scouting program is being carried, cooking, camping, crafts and all, to mentally and physically handicapped girls, and to those in forgotten areas. There is no shortage of youngsters wanting to be Scouts in these places.

What's new with the Girl Scouts? An enrollment of over 1,000,000 men and women volunteer leaders, along with 3,235,000 a new promise and law and the Brownie uniform.

Whether it's cleaning up a river, or cleaning up their rooms no job is too large or too small for the "new generation" of the Girl Scouts of today.

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**WHATEVER HAM YOU LIKE**

WE HAVE IT AT A SPECIAL PRICE THIS WEEK!

PRICES EFFECTIVE THRU MARCH 17

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STAMP

**FULLY COOKED HAMS**

READY TO EAT-NO COOKING NECESSARY

**SHANK PORTION 77¢**

IB. BUTT PORTION 1b. 89¢

**SLICED HAM**

12-oz. pkg. 75¢

ZEIGLER'S RED HOTS LUMBERJACK BUN PALS

2 lb. pkg. \$1.99

2 lb. pkg. \$1.69

**CUDAHY BAR "S" CANNED HAMS**

**3 lb. can 37¢**

**PICNICS**

HICKORY SMOKED 6 to 8 lb. AVERAGE 1b. 69¢

**HAM SLICES**

BONELESS CENTER CUT 1b. \$1.29

**HY TOP BREAD**

3 KING SIZE LOAVES 89¢

**HICKORY SMOKED HAMS**

COOKING NECESSARY

**SHANK PORTION 67¢**

IB. BUTT PORTION 1b. 79¢

**SLICED HAM**

LEAN CENTER CUT 1b. \$1.19

**DEL HAVEN SLICED BACON**

1b. 95¢

COLEMAN'S PURE PORK SAUSAGE

2-LB. THICK SLICED \$1.89

1-lb. 10-oz. pkg. \$1.29

**COKE**

32-oz. brls. 49¢

**SCOTT TOWELS**

jumbo rolls 3 98¢

**HUNT'S PEACHES**

29-oz. cans 3 98¢

**FREE 300 Q Yellow Stamps**

With This Coupon And Your \$22.50 Or More Food Order

Limit One Coupon Per Food Order. Please Good thru March 17 AT BIG BEAR SUPERMARKETS

**FREE 200 Q Yellow Stamps**

With This Coupon And Your \$15.00 To \$22.49 Food Order

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**FREE 100 Q Yellow Stamps**

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**HY-TOP DETERGENT**

49-oz. box 48¢

**BISCUITS**

HY-TOP BUTTERMILK 2 12-oz. cans 29¢

**CRISP FIRM LETTUCE**

head 29¢

**SUNKIST LEMONS**

REFRESHING DOZ. 49¢

ORANGES 5 lb. bag 69¢

WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS APPLES 1b. 37¢

CRISP CRUNCHY CARROTS 2 lb. bag 39¢

U.S. NO. 1 IDAHO POTATOES 5 lb. bag 79¢

**SARA LEE POUND CAKE**

12-oz. pkg. 85¢

**CUT CORN**

FROSTY ACRES 20-oz. can 49¢

**HY-TOP PIKNIK MAYONNAISE**

QT. 38¢

**COLONIAL BREAD**

3 PULLMAN LOAVES \$1.00

**TOPP COLA**

4 28-oz. brls. 88¢

**MARGARINE**

HY-TOP 1lb. 29¢

**RED RIFE STRAWBERRIES**

5 pint 39¢

WHITE OR PINK GRAPEFRUIT 5 lb. 79¢

GARDEN FRESH GREEN ONIONS 2 bunches 29¢

SMOOTH FIRM SWEET POTATOES 1b. 19¢

**Joe Gorman**

\$100.00

Tuskegee, Al.

**Mrs. W. W. Hubert**

100,000

Q Yellow Stamps

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Betty Bell**

\$2,000.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Kathy M. Ingram**

\$600.00

Brundidge, Al.

**Mrs. Odessa Stille**

\$200.00

Prattville, Al.

**Mrs. Pearl M. Creamer**

\$100.00

Tallapoosa, Al.

**Mrs. Ruby Glenn**

100,000

Q Yellow Stamps

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Little Barrow**

\$1,000.00

Brundidge, Al.

**Larry Felder**

\$300.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Jean Lockley**

\$1,000.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Evangelina Day**

\$300.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Mary Jackson**

\$200.00

Prattville, Al.

**Dudley Noble**

\$100.00

Georgiana, Al.

**Mrs. Gertrude Coker**

100,000

Q Yellow Stamps

Dadeville, Al.

**Mrs. Bonnie Nichols**

\$200.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Joyce Justice**

\$100.00

Millbrook, Al.

**Barry Miller**

\$100.00

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Doris Stewart**

100,000

Q Yellow Stamps

Montgomery, Al.

**Mrs. Mildred Thomas**

\$200.00

Luverne, Al.



**GIRL SCOUTS BEGIN COOKIE SALE**

Ever wonder what happens to Girl Scout Cookies "dough"? In this case, the dough in question comes from the sale of Girl Scout cookies.

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama Girl Scout Council will begin selling cookies March 24 through April 7. The cookie sale is an annual money-raising event in which all Girl Scouts may participate. It is money earned by Girl Scouts in the local community, and it is money that stays in the community.

Of the money raised, 50% is cost, 10% remains with the troop and 40% is used by the Council to finance the camping program. No money from United Funds or Independent Council Campaigns is spent on camping. The girls completely pay all administrative camping expenses with the Cookie Sale each year.

Troops use their profit to help finance troop service projects, troop trips and to buy troop equipment.

In addition to the monetary value to Girl Scouting, the cookie sale gives the girls an opportunity to practice their salesmanship abilities, to present Girl Scouting to the public and to put the Promise and Law into effect.

Five kinds of cookies will be on sale this year: Assorted, Mint, Butter, Peanut Butter, Chip and Nuts, and each box sells for \$1.00.

Buy Girl Scout Cookies because cookie "dough" makes better camping experiences for more girls.

**Firemen Answer 2 Fire Calls**

Elba Fire Department answered two calls during the past week. One, a fire at the Mullins Apts. on March 13, resulting in only minor damage, on the 17th a wrecker at Jack Bell's garage caught fire, but it was confined to the engine.

**TSU Rucker Branch Taking New Students**

Registration for classes at Troy State University, Ft. Rucker, began March 5 and will be open through March 23, 1973, in Building 5003.

Seventy undergraduate and 28 graduate courses are available. Fees are to be paid upon registration.

For complete details, see advertisement on another page of today's issue of this newspaper.

**Surprise Party Honors Banker**

Mr. John Brunson, Chairman of the Board, Elba Exchange Bank, was honored last Saturday by the ladies at the bank. They presented him a cake on the occasion of his 85th birthday.



**CAR-TRUCK ACCIDENT KILLS 1 MAN**

Thomas Clifton Johnson, 78, of Brundidge was killed about 6:30 a.m. Thursday when a truck, loaded with gravel, collided with his automobile at the intersection of Alabama Highway 125 and 167.

The scene of the accident is 16 miles north of Enterprise said state troopers.

The victim was taken to the Elba General Hospital by the Elba Rescue ambulance and pronounced dead on arrival by hospital attendants.

Trooper Ronnie W. Whitworth, who investigated, said Johnson's car was struck on the right side, and knocked against a utility pole which held a caution light for the intersection.

After the car's rear end struck the pole, the car came to a stop on the side of the road, Whitworth said.

The truck was going south on 167, the car was headed south on 125.

Driver of the truck was Howard G. Phelps, Montgomery. He escaped injury.

Mr. Johnson's survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eula Eargerton Johnson, Brundidge; a brother, J. W. Johnson, Elba; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Grubbs, Elba, and Mrs. Martin Grubbs of Jack.

## County Commission Adopts Unit System

Elba County Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt a six-point resolution at their Monday meeting of this week in Elba, establishing a form of the controversial unit system, which has been sought after vigorously by many officials and opposed just as vigorously by others.

The resolution is an offshoot of a 16-point bill proposed several weeks ago by Prostate Judge James L. Sawyer and Representative Douglas Easters. There are primarily two main differences between the lengthy proposed resolution drawn up and passed jointly by the six-man commission and the original resolution.

First, the new resolution makes no mention putting the unit system question to a vote of the people, which was one of the primary goals of the original proposed bill.

Secondly, the wording of the resolution is in a more readable and direct, though less precise, than original bill which is heavy with "legal language."

Judge Sawyer, upon first viewing the resolution, stated that portions of it had "teeth" in it - specifically that portion which deals with county employees and equipment being involved in private work.

Sawyer stated later in the Monday afternoon session that the resolution "is certainly a step in the right direction."

The commissioners agreed verbally to put the earlier proposed bill to a vote of the people, but insisted that their resolution would get "the ball rolling" as a referendum would delay action until later in the summer of this year.

Most significant in the changes which will come about as a result of adoption of the resolution, is that "a central shop for the repair and maintenance of County equipment be constructed on property now owned by the County near New Brocton."

A great deal more responsibility for road paving, construction, and maintenance will be placed in the hands of County Engineer Leslie Mullins.

Mullins will begin drawing plans for a new county maintenance shed, but will, in the mean time - erect a fence near the New Brocton County complex site for the keeping of County equipment.

Commissioners of each district will be allowed to keep a minimal amount of equipment in each district "to be used to maintain unpaved roads and the bridges thereon in each of the said districts under a strict budget as set and determined by the Commission."

It was readily agreed by each commissioner, Judge Sawyer, and Mr. Easters, that the equipment to be placed in the central shop each evening would be impractical, time-consuming, and unnecessarily expensive.

A portion of the county engineer's duties which will be allotted to him under the new system is the keeping of operation and maintenance of the new county shop; construction and maintenance of all black top roads.

## ELBA ETCHES

Students back in school on Monday - reluctantly.

Swimming pool covered with red river water after recent heavy rainfall.

Man walking down street with tall, red ladder.

Two small boys, peering through office window to give their customary wave as they pass.

Father giving his first-grade daughter a ride on a large digging machine, his arm encircled protectively about her.

Mrs. Ringsdorf buying bunches of Clippers.

Some more rain -

## Fishermen Using Unsafe Boats

After several months of inactivity many fishermen are taking advantage of the pleasant weekend weather to go after the crapper and bass.

Alabama water patrolman O. G. Sanders, said today that he has found many fishermen operating their boats under potentially fatal or hazardous conditions.

Sanders, said that many boats could be prevented by making a few simple checks of equipment and engine when they are out of winter storage.

Sanders, lists a few important items that could mean the difference between life, death and property destruction.

Check all items that could mean the difference between life, death and property destruction.

Check steering cables for rust and fraying.

Make sure navigation lights are working properly.

Is your boat currently registered? Proper numbers on boat? Certificate aboard?

Items which are unseaworthy or need repair should be attended to before the boat goes into operation, and by all means Don't overload your vessel.

REMEMBER: Take a little time to save time and future trouble.

Contact: O. G. Sanders, for more information. Telephone number: 222-5639 Annulla, Alabama.

## SATURDAY IS BEN RINGSDORF DAY

The people of the Wiregrass will have the opportunity to greet and personally thank Captain Ben Ringsdorf, Elba's recently returned POW, on Saturday evening of this week (March 24th). Ben Ringsdorf will be honored at a reception at the Elba Elementary School from 5 until 7 p.m.

A large group of South Alabama citizens is expected to turn out for the event. A receiving line consisting of Mrs. George Wallace, Coach Bear Bryant, Dr. Matthews, President of the University of Alabama, Mayor Jack Brunson, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ringsdorf have been invited to join Ben in the official receiving line, according to Mrs. Sam Sawyer, who is in charge of the receiving line.

Lamar Rainer, Jr., who is in charge of the decorations, has indicated he is following a patriotic theme with colors, flowers and flags.

Mrs. Robert Cannon has planned two punch-bowls to assist the visitors they can get refreshments without waiting in line.

We convey our best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Ringsdorf and are very happy for them to have Ben back.

If we can assist in the homecoming for Ben please let me know. We will do whatever the people of Elba say in order to make the day something special for Ben.

The letter was signed by an Enterprise resident.

Another note received with a \$50 donation from Dothan read: "From students and friends of Dottie Jacobs Moore, former geography student of Mrs. Ringsdorf. These students are from Houston Academy, Dothan, Ala." This note was signed by 24 students.

Gift chairman, Jimmy Wise, has again told this newspaper that his committee is not begging for funds, but is serving as a pooling agency for people who have a desire to participate in the gift to Ben Ringsdorf, either as a gift to him in person or a gift to him, symbolic of their thanks to all who sacrificed themselves for our country, including those in Vietnam and other wars who made the supreme sacrifice.

Donations can be made at either Elba bank or mailed to: Jimmy Wise, P. O. Box 465, Elba, Ala. 36323.

The much-needed money will be used to help buy new equipment.

## Club Gives Cash To Rescue Squad

Twentieth Century Study Circle President, Betty Vaughan, and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Doris Cooper, presented a \$100 check to Elba Rescue Squad on March 19.

Captain Ray Norris accepted the check for the Rescue Squad.

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**MOBLEY'S WHITE OLDSMOBILE WITH 22 SINGLE SHOT RIFLE AND FALSE TEETH ON SEAT. RESCUE SQUAD HAD JUST REMOVED THE WOUNDED MAN FROM HIS CAR.**



**FAMILY MEMBERS AND RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS PREPARE TO TRANSFER MOBLEY TO A TROY HOSPITAL**

## COLUMBUS MAN SUFFERS GUNSHOT WOUND IN HEAD

On Sunday afternoon the Elba Rescue Squad and Deputy Sheriff Neil Graham responded to a call to the home of Colon Mobley in the Victoria Community.

Mobley's son, Malcolm Nimble Mobley, age 50, was found in his white Oldsmobile with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound in the forehead.

The victim is a resident of Columbus, Georgia.

## umby Sunday morning. He returned to Victoria Sunday afternoon and was seen driving by the home of some relatives by his parents who were visiting there. A very short time later his parents returned home to find their son slumped over in his car which was parked in their back yard. They could give no motive for his actions.